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July 4th, 1854.

Major LE CONTE in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From Dr. W. R. De Witt, State Librarian, dated Harrisburg, Penn., June 27th, 1854, requesting certain numbers of the Journal deficient in the series in the State Library.

From M. Giovanni Michellotti, dated Turin, June 8th, 1854, stating his intention to visit this country, and to bring with him his collection of Fossils, for which he desired temporary accommodations in the Hall of the Academy. Referred to the Curators.

From Dr. Wm. P. Gibbons, dated San Francisco, Cal., June 1, 1854, accompanying a communication entitled, "Descriptions of new species of viviparous marine and fresh-water fishes, from the Bay of San Francisco, and the River and Lagoons of Sacramento; read before the California Academy of Natural Sciences, Jan. 9, 1854."

The communication, being intended for publication in the Proceedings, was referred to Prof. Haldeman, Dr. Leidy, and Dr. Le Conte.

Dr. Leidy presented for publication in the Journal the following communications: "Notice of Producti found in the Western States and Territories, with descriptions of twelve new species; by J. G. Norwood and Henry Pratten, of the Illinois Geological Survey;" and "Notice of the genus Chonetes, as found in the Western States and Territories, with descriptions of eleven new species; by J. G. Norwood and Henry Pratten." Both papers were referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Conrad, Dr. Leidy, and Mr. W. P. Foulke.

On leave granted, a resolution was offered, presenting to the State Library, at Harrisburg, Vols. 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the 1st series of the Journal, and Vols. 1 and 2 of the 2d series of the Journal, and Vols. 1 to 6 of the Proceedings.

July 18th.

Major LE CONTE in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Smithsonian Institution, dated Washington, July 10th, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings, Vol. 7, No. 2.

From the Rev. Charles Fox, dated Detroit, Michigan, requesting for the University of Michigan a copy of the Publications of the Academy; also relative to a collection of minerals and shells for sale at Detroit.

July 25th.

Dr. LEIDY in the Chair.

The Committee on two papers by Messrs. Norwood and Pratten, of the Illinois Geological Survey, on new species of Producti from the Western States and Territories, and on new species of Chonetes from the same, reported in favor of publication in the Journal.

The Committee on Dr. Gibbons' paper, describing new species of vi-